contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules/Regulations. Further, any company established in the country has to follow the relevant rules and regulations and is subject to the provisions of relevant Acts, including the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Induction of modern aircrafts in Indian Air Force

892. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the time-schedule for receiving 126 medium range combat aircrafts;

(b) whether any other type of modern aircrafts will also be added to the inventory of Indian Air Force;

(c) whether Government is planning to set up a hi-tech facility at Nagpur costing about Rs. 300 crores for indigenizing components of these aircrafts; and

(d) whether spare-parts would be supplied by the foreign vendors/firms till IAF develops its own indigenous capabilities?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The proposals received in connection with the procurement of 126 Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) are under technical evaluation. This will be followed by field evaluation and thereafter, commercial negotiations. The induction of the aircraft into the Indian Air Force is likely to commence from 2012-13.

(b) A contract for 20 indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) has been signed. One IAF squadron is expected to be equipped with this aircraft in 2010-11.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Product support including spare parts will be supplied by the vendor as per the terms of the contract that will be concluded.

Rising air crashes in IAF

893. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed near the Air Force station, Bidar in Karnataka on 21st January, 2009;

(b) if so, whether the preliminary investigations into the cause of the Air accident have been ascertained;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of air crashes of Defence forces happened in the past one year and the steps taken by Government to check such rising air accidents/incidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir. A Kiran MK I aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed near Air Force Station, Bidar in Karnataka on 21st January, 2009.